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- A. Anchorage
  - B. Path of entrance and exit
  - C. turning point to enter berth
  - D. Outgoing pilot discharged
  - E. Direction of swell
  - I. berth 25X1
  - J. Soviet cruiser
  - K. PT boats maneuvering
  - L. Three PT boats and one patrol craft berthed
  - M. Passenger vessels' berth
  - N. Park
  - O. Intourist Hotel
  - P. Restaurant

3. 25X1
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8. Harbor Craft [REDACTED] one tug [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] "worthless." [REDACTED] the Soviets did not know how to operate the tug properly. When the tug was new it had about 800 horsepower, but now it would not have more than 400 horsepower. [REDACTED]

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9. Berth

a.

[REDACTED] there were six berths along the mole and its land extension. [REDACTED]

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b.

[REDACTED] small tankers were berthed at berths 4 and 6. The pier was constructed of cement with a planked flooring. The distance from the deck of the pier to the water was approximately 12' and the water's depth was approximately 30'. Two hand-operated stiff-leg derricks were located on the two outside corners of the pier. Welded pipes ran underground and emerged into two nests of 20 pipes each on either side of the pier. An asphalt road ran the length of the mole. The larger building, located to the right of the guardhouse [REDACTED] was not identified [REDACTED] but [REDACTED] someone was always around the building and workmen were often seen entering it. [REDACTED] building could be a storage place for equipment. [REDACTED]

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c.

[REDACTED] Subject port was mainly equipped to load diesel oil and didn't handle benzol rapidly. [REDACTED]

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Portal

jib-type cranes were located on the interior side of subject port. [REDACTED]

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11.

[redacted]  
cruiser had two turrets fore and aft. A scanner-type radar was mounted over the bridge [redacted]  
several PT boats maneuvering in the area designated K [redacted]

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[redacted] These boats raced away from the harbor area at "very high speed," turned and raced back. They kept up these maneuvers for some time and [redacted] the PT boats were "well handled." At designator L were berthed three PT boats and one patrol craft. The PT boats were the same as those described above [redacted]

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12. Merchant Vessels

[redacted] the largest Soviet tanker in subject port had a 90 thousand barrel capacity. The rest of the tankers had more limited capacity. [redacted]

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[redacted] three passenger ships entered and departed. All used the berth at designator M. The first passenger ship was a two-stacker, the second was a one-stacker, and the third, [redacted] was a two-stacker. All three carried cargo and passengers, and each remained in port about one day.

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13. Shore Activities

a.

[redacted] a park, designator N, [redacted]  
[redacted] has a pebble beach [redacted]

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b. Very few aircraft were [redacted] in subject port. [redacted] several single-engine planes and several jets flying at medium altitude. At one time two jets were [redacted] flying together over subject port at medium altitude. [redacted] it was customary for a single-engine reconnaissance plane to fly up and down the coast at a low altitude twice a day.

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c. At designator O an Intourist Hotel was located. [redacted]

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[redacted] A four-piece orchestra played in the hotel. [redacted] music, some of it of recent date, [redacted]

[redacted] A restaurant was located approximately at designator P [redacted]

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[redacted] no prostitutes were seen in subject port but [redacted] a few were available.

d. Army personnel were [redacted] in subject port but there was no unusual concentration of troops. The streets were clean and paved with cement or asphalt except for a few which were constructed of stone. While a few [redacted] cars were noted, there were few private cars in subject port. Taxis and bus service were available. [redacted] no unusual truck traffic.

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